

CHAPTER NO. 33

SENATE BILL NO. 339

By Rochelle, Herron, McNally, Dixon, Harper

Substituted for: House Bill No. 315

By Caldwell, Odom

AN ACT To amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 63, Chapter 19, Part 1, relative to physician assistants.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-19-106(a), is amended in subdivision (1) by deleting the second sentence in its entirety and by substituting instead the following:

The board and the committee shall adopt, within six (6) months of the effective date of this act, regulations governing the supervising physician's personal review of historical, physical and therapeutic data contained in the charts of patients examined by the physician assistant.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-19-107(2), is amended by deleting subdivision (A) in its entirety and by substituting instead the following:

(A) In accordance with rules adopted by the board and the committee, a supervising physician may delegate to a physician assistant working under the physician's supervision the authority to prescribe and/or issue legend drugs and controlled substances listed in Schedules II, III, IV, and V of Title 39, Chapter 17, Part 4. The rules adopted prior to the enactment of this act by the board and the committee governing the prescribing of legend drugs by physician assistants shall remain effective after the enactment of this act and may be revised from time to time as deemed appropriate by the board and the committee. The board and the committee may adopt additional rules governing the prescribing of controlled substances by physician assistants. A physician assistant to whom is delegated the authority to prescribe and/or issue controlled substances must register and comply with all applicable requirements of the Drug Enforcement Administration.

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-19-107(2), is amended in subdivision (C) by inserting the words "and controlled substances" after the words "legend drugs" wherever such words appear.

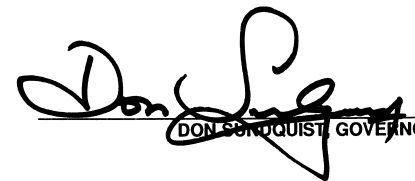
SECTION 4. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

PASSED: March 15, 1999


JOHN S. WILDER
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE


JIMMY NAIFEH, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 19th day of March 1999


DON SUNDQUIST, GOVERNOR